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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S875.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

EUROPEAN DEBT CRISIS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the European debt crisis and its implications, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs; and Steven B. Kamin, Director, Division of International Finance, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 and revenue proposals, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution condemning

violence by the Government of Syria against the Syrian people.

IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Iran's influence and activity in Latin America, after receiving testimony from Cynthia J. Arnson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Douglas Farah, International Assessment and Strategy Center, Roger F. Noriega, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council, all of Washington, D.C.

IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Iran's influence and activity in Latin America from Elizabeth Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Kevin Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and James McElveen, Division Chief, South America, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State; and Chris Markwood, Deputy National Intelligence Manager, Iran, and Richard May, Senior Analyst, Threat Finance, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

CYBERSECURITY ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's future, including S. 2105, to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller and Feinstein; Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Tom Ridge, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Charney, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

REGIONAL LEVEL WORKFORCE NEEDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine addressing workforce needs at the regional level, focusing on innovative public and private partnerships, after receiving testimony from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Marlena Sessions, Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County,

and Barbara Trehearne, Group Health Cooperative, both of Seattle, Washington; Sandy Harmsen, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, San Bernardino, California; James Watson, CMTC, Torrance, California; David Hunn, Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, Vienna; Gerry Hofler, Northern Virginia Community College, Springfield; and Pat Schramm, Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, and Bettsey Barhorst, Madison College, both of Madison, Wisconsin.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine energy development in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Mike S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian

Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Michelle Kauhane, Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Deputy Director, Kapolei; Rodney M. Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, South Dakota; Levi Pesata, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Dulce, New Mexico; Thomas Anketell, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and Rex Lee Jim, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, George Levi Russell, III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4048–4070; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 103; H. Con. Res. 102–102; and H. Res. 552–553, 555 were introduced. **Pages H900–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H903**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–399) and

H. Res. 554, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–400).

Pages H834–80, H894

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H805**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H815**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H815, H886**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:16 p.m. **Pages H819–20**

Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Re-

source Security Act: The House passed H.R. 3408, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources and to promote shale technology research and development, by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 71. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 15th.

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Rejected the Castor (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 70. **Pages H884–85**

Agreed to:

Scalise amendment (No. 20 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that dedicates Clean Water Act penalties associated with the Deepwater Horizon disaster to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund;

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Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 16 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that streamlines the NEPA process to allow for expedited development of renewable energy projects on Federal lands and waters (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 66); and

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Labrador amendment (No. 19 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that minimizes NEPA requirements for a geothermal exploration test project so a project can quickly move forward if resources are found (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 69). **Pages H828–30, H883–84**